

Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Following the recommendations of the Examiner, claims 19 and 20 are amended to correct dependency errors. New claim 21 is added.

The rejection of claims 1-7 and 13-20 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Codilian et al. (US 6,707,635) is respectfully traversed.

For a prior art reference to anticipate in terms of 35 U.S.C. 102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference. In re Bond, 15 USPQ2d 1566, 1567 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (emphasis added).

Regarding the rejection of claim 13, Codilian at col. 5, ln. 39-48 uses "the number of disk rotations", which is not identical to "non-consecutive revolutions" as featured in claim 13. And, nowhere at col. 6 ln. 10-13 does Codilian disclose "non-consecutive revolutions". In addition, noting that Codilian's concepts of "RRO" and "PES" are clearly distinguished from each other at col. 29-30 where it says "PES includes the RRO and nonrepeatable errors", it follows that when Codilian at col. 5 ln. 48-54 describes an "RRO estimator 54, responsive to a previous RRO estimate... generates a new RRO estimate", Codilian is not referring to the same thing as "reading position error signals ... to obtain position error signal data; and combining the position error signal data to obtain an estimate of repeatable runout" of claim 13. From the foregoing, one can only conclude that not every element of claim 13 has been identically shown by Codilian.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 13 is not anticipated by Codilian, and that claims 14-20 are not anticipated by Codilian by virtue of their ultimate dependency from claim 13. Further, since method claims 1-7 correspond to apparatus claims 13-20 and new apparatus claim 21 corresponds to method claim 1, it is submitted that claims 1-7 and 21 are similarly not anticipated by Codilian.

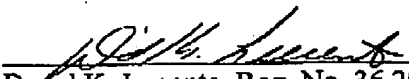
Conclusion

This Reply is believed to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, prompt allowance and passage of the application to issue are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, he/she is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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